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MECCA PILGRIMAGE DISPUTE.

The Egyptian Government Blamed

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 18.

The reply of King Hussein in the dispute with Egypt says Hussein's representatives informed Emir Elhaj, the Egyptian representative, that Hussein is quite willing to receive him and a medical mission and to permit him to land without restrictions all medicines and hospital equipment required; but refuses to countenance the Emir's plans to establish hospitals at Jeddah and Mecca as an intrusion of the sovereign rights of the Mecca Government. Hussein therefore blames the Egyptian Government for the incident.

[The dispute between the Egyptian and the Hedjaz Government arose out of the latter's refusal to admit the Egyptian medical mission sent as usual with the Holy Carpet to Mecca, on the ground that it is infringing Hedjaz independence. Consequently, the Egyptian Government ordered the return of the Carpet from Jeddah to Egypt, with the medical mission. The £8,000 and the shipment of corn and oil annually sent to Hedjaz were withheld.]

BRITISH INDUSTRIAL OUTLOOK.

Stable Conditions the Great Necessity.

London, July 18.

In the House of Commons, replying to the debate on the Board of Trade Estimates, Sir Lloyd George pointed out that the export trade at the beginning of 1922 showed a deficit of 35 per cent. compared with the pre-war year, which by the beginning of 1923 had dropped to 21 per cent. Traders and others, however, almost unanimously said order were not coming in to-day owing to the general uncertainty due to failure to obtain a world settlement. Prospects throughout our industries were nothing like as good as last January. The speaker stressed the vital necessity of setting stable conditions, also the necessity of a steady, bold policy for developing Imperial resources in the Dominions and Colonies.

AIRSHIP VOYAGING.

Duke of Sutherland's Forecast.

London, July 18.

The Duke of Sutherland, presiding over the Air League of Empire, said he was hopeful that a decision would be taken very shortly on the big airship scheme, before the Imperial Conference. The Defence Committee believed the scheme would turn out a most far-reaching one both as a means of linking up the Empire and making the Far East our eventual goal. "We shall gradually move by stages in that direction, first possibly to Egypt, then India, perhaps in seventy-two hours, then on round the world."

LOSS OF THE "RANEE."

Story Comments Along China Coast.

London, July 18.

In the House of Commons, during questions regarding the sinking of the steamship Ranee off the Malayan Coast, Mr. E. Shinwell suggested that there were very strong comments all along the China Coast regarding the section of the Merchant Shipping Act relating to the complement of officers to be carried in ships.

Viscount Wolmer replied that the Court of Enquiry found that all the requirements of the law had been carried out regarding this particular ship.

INDIAN GOVERNMENT CENSURED.

Simla, July 18.

The Legislative Assembly, by 43 votes to 39, passed a resolution by Sir Sivaswami Aiyer censuring the Government action in guaranteeing the Imperial Bank against loss in connection with payments by it in connection with the failure of the Alliance Bank of Simla.

PERSIA AND RUSSIA.

Teheran, July 18.

The Soviet Trade Delegation has left, apparently without achieving its object of inducing Persian merchants to participate in Nijnynogorod Fair. The Soviet Delegation which is working for revision of the Russo-Persian tariffs is, however, remaining.

NEW DUTCH NAVY BILL.

The Hague, July 18.

The Cabinet has decided to submit to the States General in the autumn a new Navy Bill, to be enforced on January 1st, 1924. The Minister of Finance, who does not approve the project, has tendered his resignation to the Queen, who referred it to the Premier.

BELGIAN MILITARY SERVICE.

Brussels, July 18.

The Chamber, by 76 votes to 69, with eight abstentions, adopted an article under the Military Service Bill prolonging the period of service for two months during the occupation of the Ruhr.

MANCHURIAN RAILWAY BONDS.

London, July 18.

The South Manchurian Railway has issued £4,000,000 five per cent. sterling bonds at the price of 88. The Japanese Government conditionally guarantees the principal and interest.

ANOTHER FRENCH SEIZURE.

Paris, July 18.

A message from Duesseldorf says the French have seized 26 millions mark intended for railway strikers.

(Other Telegrams on Page 2.)

FUTURE SPORT IN HONGKONG.

INTERNATIONAL RACECOURSE SCHEME REVIVED.

Golf Course and Stadium Also Suggested.

A MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT.

Local sportsmen generally, and turf enthusiasts in particular, will be interested to learn that the project of an International Racecourse in the vicinity of Aberdeen is again being revived.

It will be recalled that some years ago a scheme for such a Racecourse was mooted, but before the idea could take practical shape two of the principal sponsors of the movement—Mr. Lau Chu-pak and Sir Ellis Kadoorie—died. Since the death of these gentlemen, the scheme has been held in abeyance, but in consequence of a certain measure of dissatisfaction continuing to be felt regarding the restricted membership of the Jockey Club, and also because it is believed that more local jockeys will be available if an International Racecourse is provided, giving a wider and more international character to local racing, the proposal is again being seriously taken up.

Lists have been opened with a view to securing the names of twenty promoters willing to go into the scheme, and we understand that there is every probability of the requisite number being obtained within the next few hours. Both Sir Paul Chater and Mr. Hector Sassoon, who are absent from the Colony, have been cabled to, with a view to securing their support. Amongst those who are actively interesting themselves in the movement are Mr. H.M.B. Nemaze, Mr. Ho Kwong, Mr. Lee Hy-san and many other prominent members of the Chinese community.

Million Dollar Capital

The capital of the scheme is to be one million dollars, and each promoter is responsible for \$50,000 worth of shares. The project follows in main details the original plans put forward when the idea was first conceived. It is proposed to construct the Racecourse just beyond the old Paper Mills at Aberdeen, on a large tract of swampy ground through which the main motor road at present runs. The Government, we understand, has been approached on the subject and is favourably disposed towards the project, being apparently willing to grant the land free of cost, but fixing a ground rental somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$9,000 per annum. In the event of the scheme fruitifying, the present road will naturally have to be diverted so as to follow along the side of the Racecourse, and it is stated that the Government will put this work in hand, as well as drain the ground, provide gullies, etc. Before any actual building can take place, however, a great deal of filling in would have to be done and the estimated cost of this is about half a million dollars.

Reinforced Concrete Buildings.

It is proposed that the Racecourse buildings shall be of reinforced concrete, and as this form of construction permits of rapid building, it is hoped that the course will be in operation in something like eighteen months or two years. Naturally the question of transport of the large crowds who would attend Race Meetings at the new course will be a problem calling for serious consideration, but it is hoped that simultaneously with the construction of the Racecourse arrangements will be made for the laying down of a tramway service to the district.

The underlying idea of the promoters is to provide Hongkong with the same racing facilities as are enjoyed in Shanghai, where, in addition to the ordinary Race Club course, there is another course at Kiangnan, international in character, where racing is regularly held but on a programme not clashing with the Race Club's Meetings. Moreover, it is felt that there are many local Chinese and Japanese here who would make useful jockeys but who are unable to ride under the auspices of the Jockey Club.

Suggested Golf Course.

In connection with this scheme there has been talk of arranging for a golf course in the centre of the Racecourse, as the present facilities in the Colony are inadequate for the large number who would take up this game if they had the opportunity. The existing golf clubs have long waiting lists, and there is a growing feeling amongst certain sections of the community that they should be given the opportunity of taking an active interest in the game. It is hoped, therefore, that the provision of a golf course will be included in the scheme.

A Stadium?

A further idea mooted in connection with the project is the laying out of a Stadium inside the course, where boxing events, cricket, football, etc., can be arranged and accommodation provided for followers of these forms of sport to witness them in comfort. The China Mail has recently been interesting itself in this aspect of the scheme, and we understand that a meeting of representatives of various sporting organisations is to be held at the Hongkong Hotel on Wednesday evening next, when the question of a Stadium will be discussed.

The whole scheme is being thought out on large and comprehensive lines, and its promoters are most sanguine of success.

CHINA'S POST OFFICES.

Transfer Helps International Morality.

London, July 18.

In a letter to the Times, Sir John Jordan, replying to Mr. Oscar Barry, says the transfer of Foreign Post Offices in China generally to Chinese control is an important positive result of the Washington Agreement. It is true that the actual transfer at Shanghai has been attended by considerable inconvenience, but few who have witnessed the admirable work of the Chinese Postal Administration in recent years will doubt that an efficient service will be maintained. International morality, perhaps, will be the greatest gain by the change, as it will no longer be possible to introduce morphine, cocaine and other drugs into China through the Foreign Post Offices.—Reuter.

YANGTZE OUTRAGE.

Jardine Steamer Fired Upon.

Ichang, July 18.—Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s steamer Fuhwa, which left Chungking on Sunday morning, was heavily fired on immediately below Chungking, two Chinese passengers being wounded.—Reuter.

FIGHTING AROUND CHUNGKING.

All Communications Cut.

Hankow, July 18.—Information received here tells of very severe fighting around Chungking. The port is closed and all communications are cut off. The passage of steamers is stopped above Wanchow.—Reuter.

CHINESE ENTERPRISE.

30 Million Cigarettes a Day.

["TELEGRAPH" SPECIAL.]

An example of what Chinese industry and enterprise can achieve is furnished by the success of the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company, which last year paid dividends amounting to fourteen per cent. on nominal shares of \$20.

Less than eighteen years ago, the Company was started in a small way in the Colony. To-day it has assumed the position of China's biggest native purveyors of tobacco products, with funds and property swollen to well near \$20,000,000. The dividend it paid out to shareholders last year was \$3.20, and there are expectations of an even greater return this year, increased costs of production and labour notwithstanding.

This remarkable development of what has become one of the Colony's chief industries is viewed as a phenomenon by those who recall the circumstances which saw the starting of the Company eighteen years ago. The difficulties usually besetting the path of the pioneer enterprise included in the case of Nanyang Brothers competition against companies which had already established a firm market for their products in China. The history of Nanyang Tobacco Co. in this connection is like those of other pioneer undertakings. It had its ups and downs, but, once established on a sound business foundation which came with experience, success was assured.

When in 1908 the small concern that operated a factory on the Wanchai Praya failed for the second time as a limited Company, the shareholders then already drawn for the second time into an expenditure of \$100,000 on the industry and receiving none of the promised profits, resolved on a complete winding-up, and in due course the machinery and property was put up for public auction. It was then that the Nanyang Brothers did a remarkable thing. They bought the machinery for what it was worth—which was very little in that period of depression—and proceeded to give another instance of that optimism which was to carry them through to the goal desired.

Uncle Kan Ning-shue, who was blessed with ample wealth, allowed himself to be infected with the optimism of his nephews (Kan Chiu-nan and Kan Yik-lee) to the extent that he cheerfully put up the new capital required to place the concern on a sound business footing. Investigating the causes of the previous failures, it was discovered that what was really behind it all was the standard of the products manufactured. These were in quality far behind those put on the market by competitors. It was towards remedying this defect that the two brothers now concentrated their efforts. Native tobacco, such as grown in North China where the raw material was principally secured, lacked the flavour demanded by consumers. It was necessary to improve the flavour by blending with other growths, and an agreeable mixture was achieved by the introduction of a small percentage of Virginia leaf. A system of buying and distribution of sales was organized; and, backed by an increased output made possible with new and improved machinery, the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company, really originating with the old Canton Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company, slowly but surely pushed forward its business, gaining, with the improved quality of its products, the favour of the Chinese smoker, and thus a firm place amongst the four hundred millions of China's population.

For the Kan family, the business had now become a sound investment, and the co-operation of a third brother, had to be secured. He came from Saigon in 1916 and joined the family directorate which had by this time been reinforced by a fourth

member, Kam Hou-chin, a son of that benevolent uncle who had so kindly come to the rescue when the fortunes of the brothers were at low ebb. The partners had to be content at first with small profits on a limited output, and the real progress from a dividend point of view can be said to commence from the reorganization of the Company from a private family concern into a public limited liability company.

The plant in 1919 had produced a daily output of four million cigarettes and was on the way to producing more when the brothers found themselves up against a proposition. The effects of the anti-Japanese boycott were felt by almost every Chinese merchant of any good standing. In the case of the Nanyang Brothers these had taken the form of a mischievous rumour that the controlling interest in the Company was in the hands of Japanese. Now this damaging assertion could originate only those who took the trouble to examine closely into the psychological side of the movement could give an explanation. At any rate, dependent as the Nanyang Brothers were on the goodwill of their large army of Chinese customers for the promotion of their business, such a report could not be ignored. So in due course the Chinese public were invited to look into the Articles of Association and subscribe, according to their means, to the new public limited liability Company of Nanyang Brothers.

Since 1920, the Company has prospered exceedingly under its new status. With the growth of business the necessity was felt of having a factory established also in Shanghai, and though this branch started out very late in the day, its output is already double that turned out by the factories at Wanchai. The combined output per day amounted to 30,000,000 cigarettes. This is a good figure; and, considering that all the plants are being kept working at full pressure, it must be realised that the demand for Nanyang Brothers' products is growing.

The Wing Fat Printing Company a couple of years back was started as a subsidiary company for the printing and making up of packages for the dozen or so different brands of smokes manufactured by the Nanyang Company. In line with this progressive tendency was the establishment of a factory at Causeway Bay for the manufacture of tins. This now turns out 10,000 pieces a day and, incidentally, gives employment to nearly a thousand hands. The Company had also acquired some 50,000 square feet of land situated at the Bowington Canal for an extension of their present plant. Work at putting together the new buildings will commence

shortly and when these are completed the tin factory will be removed to this new location. Property values since he boom commenced have increased the assets of the Company and it is now estimated that the Company holds property and funds amounting in value to \$20,000,000. In line with the progress of the concern, the amount of dividends paid out at each end of the financial year has steadily increased. At one time the value of Nanyang Tobacco shares rose to as much as \$45, on a par value of \$20.

EAST RIVER FRONT.

Indecisive Fighting.

A report from Shensi states that fighting has been taking place on the East River front since the 17th instant, but neither side has secured the upper hand. Casualties have been suffered by both forces. Dr. Sun Yat-sen has decided to again go to the East River front in order to personally direct the military operations there.

General Yeung Hsi-man, the Yunnanese chief commander, returned from the North River on the 17th instant for the purpose of discussing important matters with Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

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News in To-day's New Advertisements.

Moutrie's made a special announcement concerning "Victor Red Seal" records.—Page 6.

The great racing drama "Checkers" is being screened at the World Theatre.—Pages 4 and 12.

Nicola is appearing at the Star Theatre to-night.—Page 12.

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Consignees are notified of the arrival of the s.s. "Australia"—Page 4.

"Partners of the Tide" is the current attraction at the Coronet Theatre.—Page 12.

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For particulars of forthcoming auction sales refer to page 4.

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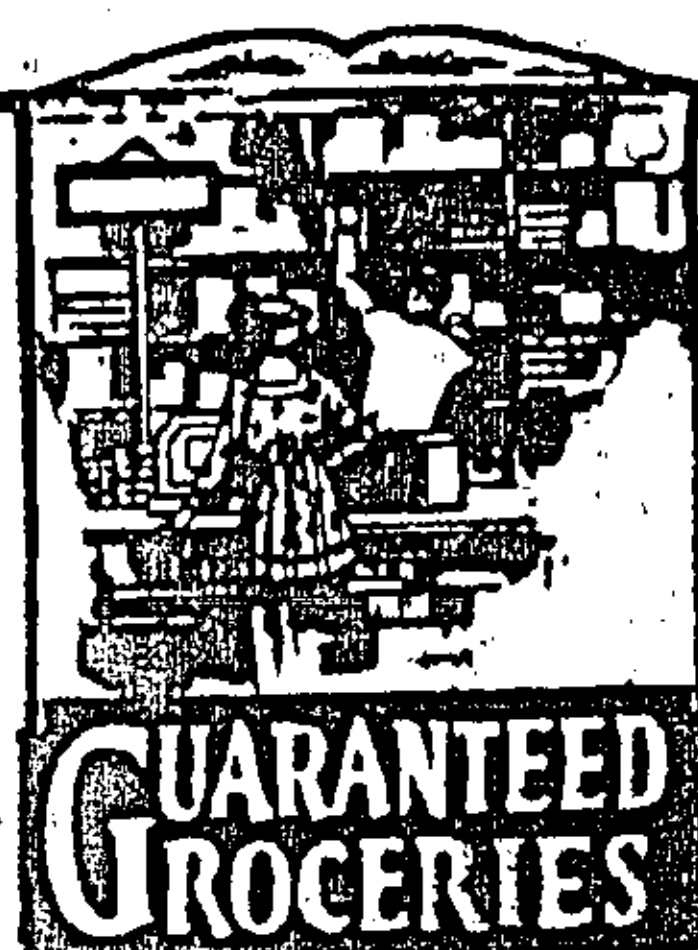
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS

THE DOCK STRIKE.

Liverpool, July 18.

There was a serious extension of the dock strike along the Mersey to-day. Following a procession of the Birkenhead strikers, several thousand dockers, struck at Liverpool. The work of loading the Atlantic liners and deep sea cargo boats was stopped.

All coastal cross channel services have been suspended and the foreign fruit trade of Covent Garden is practically at a standstill owing to the strike of the porters. The meat trade of Smithfield is affected in a similar manner. It is alleged that the dockers are intimidating the porters.

ARRESTS AT LEIPZIG.

Berlin, July 18.

Further arrests have been made at Leipzig on suspicion of participation in the escape of Herr Ehrhardt on the 14th inst. The police have established the fact that the car wherein Ehrhardt escaped contained two cases of firearms. They have also established the identity of the persons involved in the escape. It appears that a student named Masgow Von Pape assisted to open the doors of the prison. He was a member of the German National Peoples party and it is alleged that he worked for Ehrhardt's "consul" organisation at the time of the murder of Herr Erzberger. He was subsequently twice arrested at Hamburg in connection with a bomb plot to attack a socialist newspaper. The chauffeur of the motorcar in which Herr Ehrhardt escaped is believed to have been a young bank clerk named Goetz.

RUHR RUIN.

London, July 18.

The French and German authorities are accusing each other of responsibility for the economic situation in the Ruhr, which is distinctly worsening. The majority of the textile works are closing down and the Thyssen and Krupp factories are dismissing their employees on a large scale owing to lack of fuel. The cost of living is soaring and a formidable crisis is predicted in a week or ten days' time.

NEW RAILWAY CAPITAL.

London, July 18.

The Times City correspondent understands that arrangements are far advanced for the flotation of new capital in the neighbourhood of four million sterling by a well known Far Eastern railway company guaranteed by the Government of the country in which the railway operates.

U. S. IMMIGRATION.

Warsaw, July 18.

Secretary of Labour, James J. Davis, of the United States, accompanied by Congressman Aswell, President of the Agrarian Commission of Congress, have arrived here to study the question of European immigration into the United States.

ANOTHER RUSSIAN FAMINE THREATENED.

Riga, July 18.

The Pravda states that East Russia is on the eve of famine in consequence of the effect of bad weather on the crops.

CHINESE
FOOTBALLERS.

Departure Yesterday.

The Chinese soccer team departed yesterday on the Yoshino Maru for Australia, on a tour that will take them to most of the principal cities in Australia and New Zealand. The party numbered 19 in all, including Mr. H. A. Millard, the Australian delegate who has arranged the visit. Mr. Mok Hing, President of the South China Athletic Association, who goes as Manager, fourteen players of the S.C.A.A. and three from the North. They filled all the remaining first-class accommodation on the Yoshino and made her a full ship.

The Yoshino sailed at 11 a.m. from the Kowloon wharf, but long before that time well-wishers had assembled to see the team off and wish it good luck. The players went across in a steam launch from Blake Pier, firing crackers as they went, and with the South China Athletic flag flying. They found quite a big crowd of people to farewell them, and not the least striking part of the farewells were several big bouquets. These were beautifully made, in basket form, and some bore the letters "Good Luck," as well as Chinese designs of similar purport. A camera man was present taking pictures for the screen, and after good wishes had been expressed again, the departing players lined the rail to wave responses to the hearty cheers from the stay-at-homes on the wharf. Then the team, its flag much in evidence, gave its war cry, and to the accompaniment of rousing choruses the Yoshino pulled out.

Among those who went to wish the team good luck were many well-known Chinese sportsmen, including the S.C.A.A. officials and the President of the Chinese Recreation Club. These boarded launches and followed the Yoshino down the harbour, firing strings of crackers. It was a hearty send-off and left no doubt in the minds of the team that news of its prowess will be awaited with the deepest interest.



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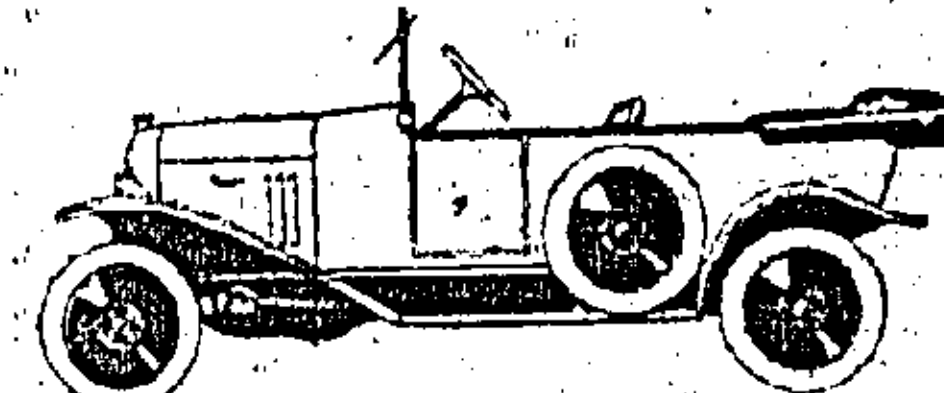
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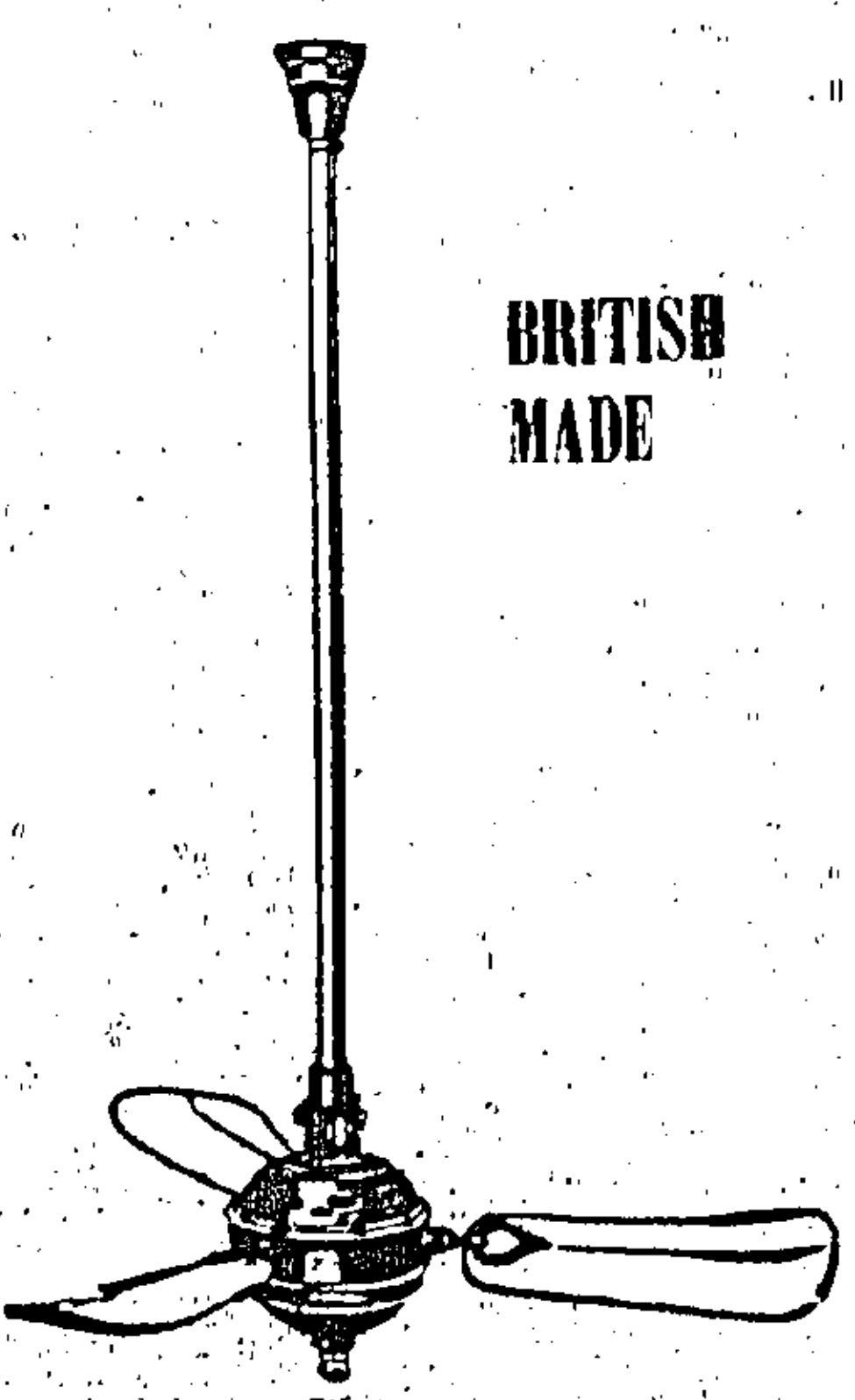
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LEST WE FORGET.

Chinese Derelicts of Paotzku.

The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce has sent a further telegram to the Military and Civil Governors of Shantung demanding instant action to effect the release of the wretched Chinese still captive at Paotzku. We have already once called attention to the derelict state of these poor people and their pathetic message cannot be forgotten. Now that the foreigners have been let go, they wrote, "nobody bothers any more about us." That is not strictly correct; but it appears wholly and most scandalously true as regards those who should be their deliverers, states a recent issue of the *North China Daily News*. From what we can learn there are about a hundred Chinese captives at Paotzku. There were more; but a few weeks ago the infamous Bobo Liu who appears to be a fiend incarnate, threw forty-eight of them off the mountain top, presumably because he saw no chance of getting ransoms for them. We are told it is a literal fact that this inhuman monster thinks nothing of tearing children limb from limb and grinding their elders to death under a stone roller. The remaining prisoners are reputed rich and hopes of getting money from them have served for the sparing of their lives. But the misery in which they drag on their existence can hardly be imagined. Many of them have been in captivity for many months. They pass their days in dull, abject despair amid unspokable conditions. They cannot be far from melancholy madness.

Doubtless their state is little or no worse than that of thousands of prisoners in bandit keeping all over China. Hardly a day passes but our correspondents in the interior of China tell us of bandits carrying off the well-to-do from their homes. Use has so accustomed us to this horrid state of affairs that we read of them now almost without emotion. But the fact that there are thousands of others in duress equally vile must not deter us from joining with the Chamber of Commerce in loud protest against the unregarded incarceration of the prisoners of Paotzku. Their position is the more pitiable in that they have had the anguish of seeing their foreign fellow-sufferers released while nothing is done for them. That their families have not ransomed them is due to the impossible height at which the ransom money has been put. But Bobo Liu is not the only bandit chieftain or authority and it is thought that if the gentry and chambers of commerce of Shantung will assist, a compromise may be effected and a smaller ransom accepted.

NOT THE LAST WORD.

But no more in the case of the Chinese than of the foreign captives can the outrage of Lincheng and all the attendant horrors which it has brought to light be permitted to end there. Brigandage there has always been in southern Shantung, but that it is far worse to-day than it has ever been, is due to perfectly preventable causes. The Lincheng and Paotzku districts are off the beaten track, communication throughout them is scarce and difficult, the population has increased beyond the present capacity of the region to support it, and while the greater part of the land is held by a few huge landowners, the peasantry are so ground down by debt, poverty and taxation that they take to the hills, as the phrase for joining the brigands goes, because there is no other livelihood for them. The conditions under which the poorer people of this district live are almost unbelievable. They work in the mines twelve hours at a stretch for thirty-eight cash a day. When shown a copper cent they literally do not know what it is. As for education they do not know the word and for food they know nothing but the eternal kaoliang.

Something of the same problem, though not in terms quite so hideous, confronted the Italian Government in Southern Italy twenty years ago. There, too, the land was owned by a few rich men, the peasantry were no better than serfs, perpetually a prey to alternate floods and drought. By a wise policy of afforestation and irrigation, by building huge reservoirs for water and a network of canals, the Italian Government has changed the whole face of Reggio Calabria and Basilicata. They are smiling and prosperous now and the "Southern problem" exists no more. So might it be in Shantung. The fertility of the soil is not, we believe, below the average, and the people are desperately industrious. But to wipe out the reproach of this district and make brigandage a thing of the past, not machine-guns are needed, but the government and that the tax wrong from the land shall return to the land. Contrast with this crying disgrace the criminal disregard and shameless intrigue of Peking. Have Chinese officials and politicians no bowels of mercy?

MYSTERIES OF PACIFIC.

Scientist's Voyage of Discovery.

In a little room on the sixth floor of a suite of offices in the West End the finishing touches are being put to a scheme which in its aim recalls the "spacious days of Elizabeth and the romance of the voyages of discovery of Drake, Hawker and Froisher. A scientific expedition is being fitted out to explore the mysteries of the Pacific. Famous scientists will sail the Southern Seas to gather some of the wealth of material which awaits research among the sun-baked coral islands of the East.

One of the promoters of the scheme is a great-grand-nephew of Captain Cook, the discoverer of Australia, another, the Captain of the St. George, in which the party will sail, bears a name distinguished in British naval annals. I found them both in the little room, which is simply furnished, save for the glowing colours of the Moroccan rugs upon the floor (writes a *Daily News* representative.) Many of the world's adventurers have been in this little room recently, for the final members of the crew have been chosen.

Like the Navy in which he served, the Captain was silent. He refused details, and I had to search elsewhere for information about the Scientific Expeditionary Research Association.

In September the captain of the St. George will sail for the Pacific.

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The St. George will carry a number of passengers as well. The trip will last about 10 months and the charge per passenger will work out at £900, for Expeditions, Ltd., has set out in the interests of science to make research pay.

Scientists are notoriously poor, and expeditions abroad are notoriously expensive. So the promoters of the association formed a small company to protect the association. Arrangements have been made to apply the surplus profit to further the cause of foreign research.

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There should be work for the Scientific Expeditionary Research Association for years to come. There are whole worlds to rediscover in Melanesia, along the North Coast of Australia down the coast of South America.

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The Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 18th July, 1923.

THE SMALL-POX EPIDEMIC.

About a month ago we drew attention to the considerable number of cases of small-pox notified this year. In this connection we cited figures bearing out the point that this disease has spells of high prevalence followed by periods of slight outbreaks, and stated that local statistics indicate that this year is likely to be at the top of the big wave. This belief was voiced at Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board by the Medical Officer of Health, who quoted figures showing that we had had rather a bad six months this year and that a more or less serious outbreak may occur when the cold weather sets in. In view of this possibility, a vaccination campaign is proposed.

In matters of this kind, affecting the public health, it is always wise to be forearmed, and for this reason we trust that serious efforts will be made to get a large proportion of the population inoculated. That vaccination is beneficial and of decided value in the battle against small-pox there is now no longer any doubt. The unfortunate aspect of the question is that the Chinese, particularly of the lower classes, have a marked aversion to becoming vaccinated, even although they can secure free inoculation. This is typical of the difficulties with which the authorities here have to contend in preserving and safeguarding the public health. Another factor is our moving population. We may vaccinate the bulk of the population to-day, but in six months' time thousands of unvaccinated people may have come to the Colony. That, however, is no reason why precautions should not be taken. On the contrary, it provides the best of arguments why we should induce as many Chinese as possible to accept the benefits of vaccination. The mischief is, as we say, that the native population is averse to the process; they only rush to the vaccination booths when the scare is at its height. In the interests of public health, it is far better that we should be prepared, as Dr. Pearce suggests, for possible danger in the cold weather by vaccination now.

There was one point in the discussion on Tuesday which is

worthy of mention. Dr. Pearce said the law does not insist on vaccination in the hot weather. That is so, but according to Dr. Kooh no harm is caused by inoculation in the summer. If that is really the case, there would appear to be no reason for hot-weather exemption. The point is of some interest, although it may, of course, be one upon which medical men differ. However that may be, there can, as we state, be no doubt as to the efficacy and value of vaccination. The public will therefore be wise if it pays due heed to the advice given by the Medical Officer of Health.

China's Bandits.

We are hearing a lot about Chinese bandits these days. In some quarters the opinion appears to be held that this banditry on a large scale is something new in China. The point which seems to be overlooked, however, is that China has always had her bandits and pirates. In times past, they were kept more or less under control because authority was more effective in the country than it now is. To-day, however, with practically no government anywhere capable of getting its edicts respected, these bandit gangs have become practically a law unto themselves. That is the root of the whole question. China's we might almost say, is ruled by bandits to-day, and Kwangtung has been described as the most bandit-ridden Province of the country. The West River delta, with its numerous waterways is known as the happy hunting-ground of pirates and bandits, of whom it is estimated that there are no fewer than 50,000 in the locality. The popular idea is that these bandit gangs are, in the main, composed of disbanded soldiers; but it is rather the case that from these organised bodies of brigands political and military leaders recruit men to fight for them. We all know of the so-called People's Army. In reality, this army is composed of bandits, whose chiefs are given the high-sounding title of General merely because they have under their command large bodies of men who are willing to fight for any cause so long as they can get the opportunity to loot. They are really hired gangs of bandits employed by military leaders, but they are in no sense the real Chinese Army. Actually, they secure immunity from punishment by being made legalised bands subject only to the control of their chiefs. They would not think for a moment of joining the Regular Army at \$8 per month. Looting pays them better, and it is a notorious fact that even when enlisted under the banner of political leaders they are able to indulge in this pastime to their hearts' content.

River Patrols.

We realise, of course, that political leaders are impotent in China without military backing, but we cannot have much respect for any leader who encourages the formation of these so-called People's Armies, the men belonging to which are nothing other than paid bandits. The trouble in the Canton Delta just now is that these pirate and bandit gangs are a law unto themselves, for the simple reason that the gunboats and armed launches previously employed by the Chinese authorities have been commandeered for transport and fighting purposes. Given a sound and stable Government in Canton, there is no reason why the Chinese should not themselves police the waterways and keep the pirates in check. That would be preferable to foreign intervention, provided the work were satisfactorily done, but in the absence of an authority able to enforce its commands, there would seem no alternative at the moment but stronger foreign naval patrols.

MOTOR ACCIDENT.

Boy Sent to Hospital.

A motor car accident took place on the Causeway Bay Road yesterday morning. A small boy was walking along the road when the foot of the horn of a motor car coming up behind him caused him to run over to the other side of the road. At the same time, another car came up from the opposite direction, and before the boy could get out of its way, he was knocked over and sustained serious injuries. The driver took him to the Government Civil Hospital.

DAY BY DAY

THERE IS AS MUCH DIGNITY IN SWEEPING A FLOOR AS IN MEASURING A YARD OF RIBBON.—Mrs. H. B. Williams.

The health return for yesterday shows one case each of small-pox and enteric fever. Both were Chinese.

The *Yellow Dragon* (Queen's College magazine) for June has made its appearance. It is a bright, readable number and a feature is that there are many interesting contributions by students of the College.

A boiler market at the Kowloon Docks was fatally struck on the head by a piece of rock from the scene of blasting operations on the Dock premises yesterday whilst returning home from work. He died on the way to hospital.

We are informed that news has been received from Sweden that His Majesty King Gustav has conferred upon Major P.W.D. Olivecrona, Engineer-in-Chief of the Conservancy Works of Kwangtung, the knighthood of the Nordstjerna Order.

In connection with the reception to be held on the Blue Funnel steamer *Sarpedon* on August 6th, it is interesting to note that this vessel was built at and is owned in Liverpool. It is therefore appropriate that the band of the King's (Liverpool) Regiment is to play selections on board during the reception.

A man charged to-day before Mr. Melbourne with picking the pocket of a compatriot had evidence offered against him by the police to the effect that he was caught red-handed with the purse in his hand. His Worship's rejoinder to this was:—He did not have time to take a drink, apparently."

The defendant in a charge of pocket-picking and bribing a constable, heard by Mr. C. D. Melbourne at the Police Court this morning, said that in Canton the practice was to offer a few ten cents to the policeman if one did not desire to go to gaol. He naively admitted that he did not know that was unlawful here. The case was adjourned.

Dr. D. Kumarasamy Pillai, M.B., B.S., House Surgeon at the Government Civil Hospital has been granted a fellowship by the Rockefeller Foundation of New York for the study of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the United Kingdom and America, for a period of twelve months. He will be leaving Hongkong on Wednesday, July 25th, en route to Dublin.

A LAWYER ON LAWYERS.

"They Love to Argue."

In asking for a date for the hearing of a case in which he was interested, Mr. C. A. S. Russ was to-day told by Mr. Melbourne that he could have a certain afternoon for which he had fixed only one other case, that in which Mr. M. K. Lo and Mr. McCullum were concerned. His Worship said he did not think it would take long.

Mr. Russ was not so optimistic. He feared that if Mr. Lo and Mr. McCullum were going to argue their case out it would take a much longer time than his Worship anticipated.

His Worship disagreed, whereupon Mr. Russ rejoined:—"They do. They love to argue."

THE BOYCOTT.

Not Seriously Affecting Hongkong.

Investigation into the extent to which the boycott of Japanese goods has affected Hongkong shows that there is very little ground for the fear that it would seriously interfere with the Colony's trade. Whatever effect the agitation may have on locally imported goods is of an indirect nature, according to a statement made yesterday by the Japanese Consul General, and is mainly confined to transshipments to Amoy and other coastal ports, where the movement is particularly strong. Local merchants are careful not to make any further shipments of this kind, orders from coastal ports for Japanese goods having practically ceased.

A BASIN OF BEER.

Corporals Court Martialled.

When Sergeant Fowler, acting as Regimental Provost Sergeant, went to the guard room at Murray Barracks, about half-past nine on the night of June 30th, he saw a basin of beer on the table. The Sergeant questioned Cpl. G. H. Hawk, who was in command of the guard, about it and then went outside. Looking into the guard room, the Sergeant saw Cpl. Hawk drink from the basin and then pass it to a sontry, who also had a drink. Sergeant Fowler made enquiries and, going back into the guard room, discovered two water bottles full of beer in a whitewash pail, and covered by some brushes. Sergt. Fowler put Cpl. Hawk under arrest, and as a result Hawk appeared this morning before Major A. L. Cruickshank and other officers, at a District Court Martial, on a charge of disobeying Battalion Standing Orders by allowing beer in the guard room, and also being guilty of conduct prejudicial to good order by procuring beer from the Corporals' Mess.

Sergeant Fowler told the Court the above facts, and a private who was on duty that night as barracks policeman gave evidence which supported it.

Drummer Wilkinson, who was on duty as Regimental Headquarters Guard, said he was given two water bottles to take to the corporals' mess. He handed them to Cpl. Kite, who returned them to him full. The drummer took the bottles back to the guard room and gave them to the corporal of the guard. He went back again to the corporals' mess, where Kite gave him two bottles of lemonade.

Lieut. C. P. Moore, M. O. (prisoner's friend) contended that the second charge, had not been proved, as it had not been stated what was in the bottles obtained from the Corporals' Mess.

Walked with a Private. Cpl. A. C. Kite also appeared before the Court as an accused in connection with the supply of beer mentioned in the first case, and in addition being charged with neglecting to obey Battalion Standing Orders by walking out with a private soldier and by being improperly dressed.

About a quarter to three on the afternoon of June 30th, Regimental Sergeant Mitchell was riding along Queen's Road in a ricksha in the direction of Murray Barracks. On reaching the Soldiers' Club he noticed Cpl. Kite standing outside, talking to two privates. R. S. M. Mitchell stopped his ricksha and went up to them and asked them what they were doing there. One of the privates replied that they had come back from transport class. Cpl. Kite was improperly dressed. He was not wearing a waist belt, nor carrying a regimental cane. R. S. M. Mitchell placed him under open arrest and ordered him to return to barracks.

The evidence relating to the charges in connection with the beer was much the same as in the first case.

The Court closed to consider sentence.

MANILA CRISIS.

General Wood Accepts the Challenge.

Manila, July 18.

The Cabinet, in presenting their concerted resignations to the Governor-General, said:—

"We have observed for some time past that it is your policy and desire as Governor-General to intervene in and control even the smallest details in the affairs of our Government both insular and local in utter disregard of the authority and responsibility of the department heads and the other officials concerned. Having adopted this course of conduct in your relations with the executive departments and other officers, we beg, with the deepest regret, to frankly state that we are unable to assume responsibility with you in the execution of this policy, and, therefore, tender our resignations."

Governor-General Wood, in replying, said in part as follows:—"Your plans have been deliberately made, and your action is in the character of a challenge and a threat, which I cannot ignore. Under the circumstances, there is no alternative left to me but to accept your resignations as presented."

With the acceptance of the resignations of the members of the Cabinet, the Under-Secretaries of the departments automatically become Acting Secretaries *ad interim*.—*Daily Bulletin*.

THE GREAT NICOLA.

To-day's Spectacular Outdoor Act.

Nicola, the noted magician, was "hanged in public" at fifteen minutes to-day. The announcement that he intended freeing himself from a straight-jacket whilst suspended in the air had downwards drawn a crowd of many hundreds to the vicinity of Blake Pier at 1 p.m., where the feat was accomplished.

The magician had managed to secure the use of one of the Fire Brigade extension ladders for the performance of his thrilling trick, as well as the services of a number of Chinese firemen. Long before he began to get ready, huge crowds assembled in the vicinity, necessitating the partial suspension of traffic by the police, whilst many others gathered on the verandahs of buildings in the vicinity.

The rope which Nicola used ran through a pulley block at the top of the ladder and was held at the other end by a body of firemen. Before commencing, Nicola and a number of attendants tested the rope to see that it was safe, and then a canvas sheet was stretched out below, held by more firemen, in case of mishap.



Nicola in the Air.

Divesting himself of his jacket, Nicola was then placed in a straight-jacket made of stout canvas with leather strappings. This garment was firmly buckled at the back in several places, and its sleeves ended in long canvas fingerless gloves which were part and parcel of the jacket. His arms were then crossed and strapped round at the back. The fitting-on of this garment was done by Chinese firemen, who created much amusement by the vigorous manner in which they went about their work.

Being duly strapped up, Nicola was then hoisted in the air by the feet. It seemed to the onlookers that it would be impossible for him to free himself. Soon, however, he was wriggling about and working his body muscles to good effect. Eventually he managed to loosen one of the buckles at his back and then he succeeded in passing his strapped arms over his head. Then he got one of his arms free and in spite of the handicap caused by his huge gloves he managed to further loosen the jacket. Eventually, he wriggled clean out of it. With hands free, he hauled himself to an upright position, and, standing with one foot in a loop of the rope, waved to the large crowd of onlookers whom he greeted with a cheery "Vollas!"

Nicola had certainly performed the feat which he set out to accomplish, and he was greeted with rounds of applause as he descended safely to the ground. It was a clever trick, admirably done.

Nicola is at present appearing with his talented company at the Star Theatre, Kowloon.

BOXER INDEMNITY.

The Spanish Portion.

Peking, July 18.

The Government, yesterday, considered the payment of the Spanish portion of the Boxer Indemnity.

Last September, Spain presented a Note to China, pointing out that payment in notes involved considerable loss, and later Spain drew the attention of the Chinese Government to the matter. The latter again referred the matter to the Finance Ministry. —*Daily Bulletin*.

TEACHING OF PORTUGUESE.

"Foreigner's" Pertinent Question.

We have received the following letters for publication:—

Sir,—I crave your indulgence to again be permitted to reply to the several correspondents who still continue to try and discredit me in the columns of your valuable newspaper.

In the first place I must thank "Citizen of the World" for recognition of my clear and outspoken opinions regarding the Teaching of the Portuguese language. As he truly says, my views were not actuated by any personal spite against the Portuguese community. A man is not a renegade because he holds different views from the vast majority.

To "Lusitania" I would reply that I have consistently confined my remarks "to the point of utility or otherwise, of the Portuguese language." It was because I thought that the teaching of pure Portuguese would be only a waste of time and money that I wrote as I did in my first letter.

I would also remind Mr. T. C. Barretto that to quote such a saying as he did was in very bad taste. Because a person holds different views it does not follow that he is ignorant. Abuse, my friend, is no argument.

With the passing of the days, I note that the anonymous contributors, to what you are pleased to call "The Portuguese Controversy," have become more numerous. I do not, of course, object to that, but the few who have subscribed their names to their letters may as well be anonymous for all the weight they have among the Portuguese community. All true thinking Portuguese agree with me that those Portuguese who try to justify themselves in their demand for a perfectly useless language are but like little children calling for the moon.

My compliments to Mr. Victor Soriano. In these days of increased disturbance, the Hongkong Police have enough to do without being present at the City Hall and being called upon to guard a poor "Foreigner" from the infantile assaults of such as he and his kind. Do not be silly, Victor.

"W.F." writes a nice letter with moderate language but in one regard he is altogether wrong in his facts. At a meeting of the Associação Portuguesa do Socorro Mutuo, held in the Club Lusitano on Tuesday, 13th June, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"That the teaching of the Portuguese language be compulsory for all Portuguese students attending the schools in this Colony and that Mr. Silva Netto endeavour with the Board of Education to carry out this Resolution."

In order to emphasise my point will you please, Mr. Editor, put the above underscored words in italics.

Your correspondent "L" says that the Portuguese language is classical and hard to learn. Of what use then, I ask, is a classical language in a business place like Hongkong. I have conceded that in an academic sense any language may be useful, but not to youths who have to earn their daily bread and butter. Greek also is useful in a cultural sense but of what use to a boy who has to be familiar first with bills of lading and insurance business.

When I said I had a right to enter this controversy because I happened to be a taxpayer as well as a "Foreigner," I did not deny the Portuguese as a whole a similar right. They can express their opinions if they like but they cannot say that this is a matter which only affects the Portuguese.

So you see I am not in the least interring. This is a matter which concerns everyone who pays taxes not only Portuguese because it happens to be the Portuguese language which is being discussed.

In conclusion, Sir, I would like a plain straight-forward answer from any one of my several assailants to this question: Which is of greater use in a commercial career, French or Portuguese? That is all I want to know.

Yours etc.,

FOREIGNER.

Hongkong, July 18, 1923.

A Summary.

We have received another letter from Mr. J. P. Vieira Remedios which, by reason of its length and the fact that he has introduced points not germane to the issue, we have been compelled to

summarise as follows.—Mr. Remedios says that he would have followed implicitly the advice of the Consul General for Portugal had "Foreigner" not attacked him personally. Therefore he feels he ought to uphold the unstained honour of the local Portuguese community. He also feels sure that every Portuguese citizen was able to read the advertisement issued by their Consul General. Mr. Remedios states that in his letter under date 14th. July he answered all the queries put forward by "Foreigner." The latter is again called upon to set like a "true gentleman" and reveal his identity. He asks how Portuguese children can be expected to understand sermons in pure Portuguese if they have not had an opportunity of being taught that language. This is a matter which concerns the Board of Education and the local Portuguese community and "Foreigner" should not interpose. He says in his opinion "Foreigner" is not at all certain of his own assertions. Mr. Remedios has through Nuttall's Standard Dictionary made himself acquainted with the meaning of the word "dialect." He had not the remotest intention of insulting any Englishman. He closes with a list of honours and distinctions gained by himself at St. Joseph's College and the La Salle Extension University of Chicago, Ill. U.S.A.

Humour and Indignation.

Sir,—I am very pleased indeed to read that "Cosmopolitan" has come to the assistance of "Foreigner" in this language controversy, and would like to see more of his allies express their views.

The local Portuguese have stirred up all this trouble themselves, and now, when faced with the plain unvarnished truth, find that they have bitten off far more than they can digest, and, as a last resort, their Consul invites them to refrain from replying to the so-called insolent letters, thus giving them a glorious opportunity to fade out of the limelight and swallow their bitter pill.

Your correspondent "L" states "that the Education Board of Hongkong should accept without any further discussion the decision of the Portuguese community."

It appears to me that the local Portuguese want to rule the roost in matters concerning education. Why should these people dictate to the Board without any opposition? Is this correct in a British Colony, and should Britishers be indirectly told to shut up?

Is this to be the thin edge of the wedge whereby local Portuguese will get a firmer footing in the affairs of Hongkong, which wedge will be gradually driven further and further until it will be unbearable for Britishers to live in Hongkong?

Another of your correspondents, J. P. V. Remedios Esq., in your paper of 16th. inst. calling "Foreigner" insolent, writes:—"I quite admit of the absolute necessity of learning at bedrock the English language which is by far the most useful dialect spoken throughout the British Dominions beyond the seas."

Talk of insolence! Who ever heard of the English language being called a "dialect"? Now I see why the Portuguese language should be taught in Hongkong. English is not good enough; it is only a dialect. Perhaps I am a little hard in calling this insolence, as others may take it for ignorance on the part of your illustrious correspondent.

If "Foreigner" has only succeeded in becoming a laughing-stock to the local Portuguese, why, may I ask, are all these feelings of "rightful indignation"? Who ever heard of humour and indignation going hand in hand?

Yours etc.,

BRITISHER,

Shameen, July 17th. 1923.

Ready to Help.

Sir,—Being a foreigner, and a true friend of your correspondent signing himself "Foreigner," I beg to state that I am ready to help him in the following subject:—

1. Proper reasoning.
2. Progressive ideas.
3. Learning another language besides the English and or Chinese. (I leave to a Portuguese the teaching to him for Portuguese).
4. High, Christian sentiments.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for the insertion,

Yours etc.,

A THIRD FOREIGNER.
Hongkong, July 19th, 1923.

"Foreigner" Answered.

Sir,—I have closely followed the controversy now going on about the teaching of Portuguese in the public schools of Hongkong, and I must say that the Portuguese community are perfectly right in demanding that their children be taught their mother tongue.

A foreigner writes:—"As a foreign resident, and a taxpayer I object to helping to pay for the compulsory teaching of a language which for everyday purposes will, in after years, be useless."

It is certainly impossible to follow "Foreigner's" argument. From "Foreigner's" point of view the Portuguese language will, in after years, be useless, but to my mind (and I am sure all sane people will support me) the language would certainly meet with the fate that "Foreigner" predicts unless it is properly taught and unless a genuine desire is fostered amongst the younger generation of the Portuguese for their mother tongue.

"Foreigner" asks how many Portuguese did really understand the advice of their Consul written in Portuguese, and by advancing this absurd argument he defeats his own ends. Surely it must be apparent to any rational being that if the Portuguese community as at present constituted cannot thoroughly understand pure Portuguese, it is all the more reason why it should be taught to their children at least.

Any person with the slightest spark of patriotism will, as the Portuguese have done all throughout this controversy, fight tooth and nail to uphold the traditions of his race, be it what it may, of which he is justly proud. "Foreigner" apparently cannot claim any nationality and having no patriotic feelings cannot understand why the Portuguese appear to be so headstrong in their demand.

Obviously "Foreigner" is out to air his erudition rather than to fight for the French language. Apologising for taking up so much of your space and thanking you in advance,

Yours etc.,

AN OUTSIDER.

Hongkong, July 19th, 1923.

Draw No Harsh Line.

Sir,—The discussion of the subject of teaching Portuguese in Hongkong not having concluded, allow me space to express my opinion from a general point of view.

In the first place, it rests with the Education Board to decide whether French or Portuguese be taught.

I certainly do not agree with the line taken by "Foreigner" in his first letter. He may be the father of some children and interested in education. Perhaps he is a Frenchman who wants his offspring to learn their mother tongue.

I am of the opinion that Portuguese should at once be taken in the curriculum of a school where there are Portuguese boys and girls, and that the Portuguese language as a subject should be made obligatory for Portuguese candidates in the Matriculation examination of the Hongkong University, just as Chinese is for the Chinese candidates. No harm will arise in taking up the language, though it is not spoken locally, but a student has a wide field before him after leaving college, and he may find a post, in perfect harmony to himself, where without a knowledge of Portuguese no man would be suitable.

Without going into questions of who persons, forefathers were, I can state that as far as the local Portuguese community is concerned, they are keeping up the best traditions of their old race; they unite for the maintenance of peace and order, and are law-abiding citizens in this distant outpost of the great Ally under whose flag they live in peace and concord.

Yours, etc.,

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Hongkong, July 19, 1923.

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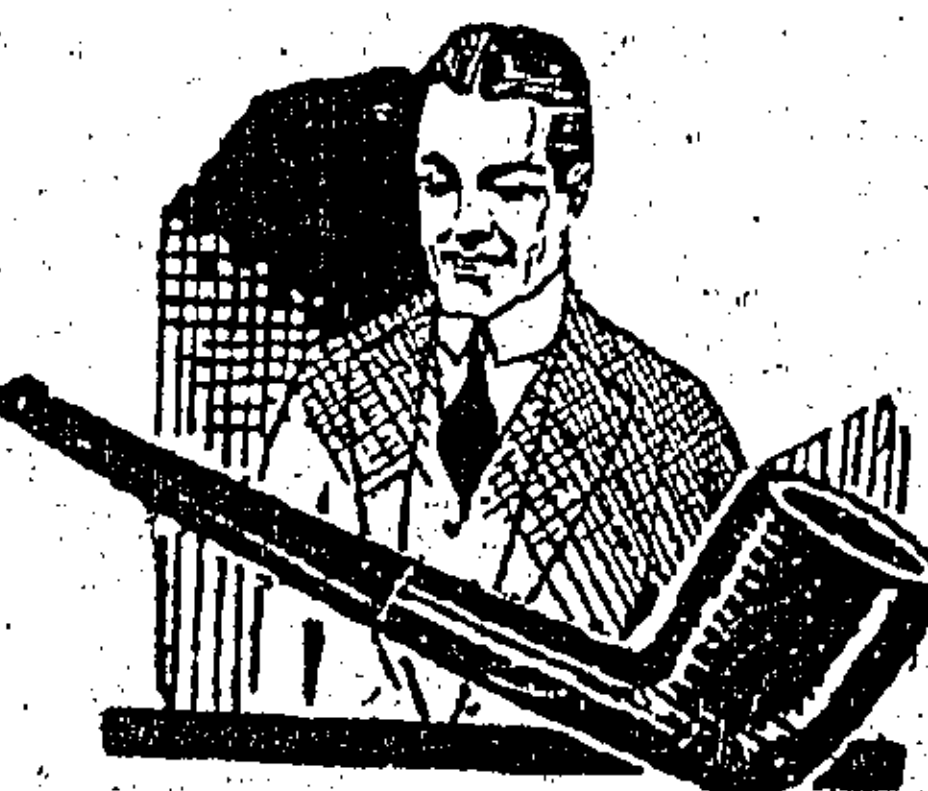
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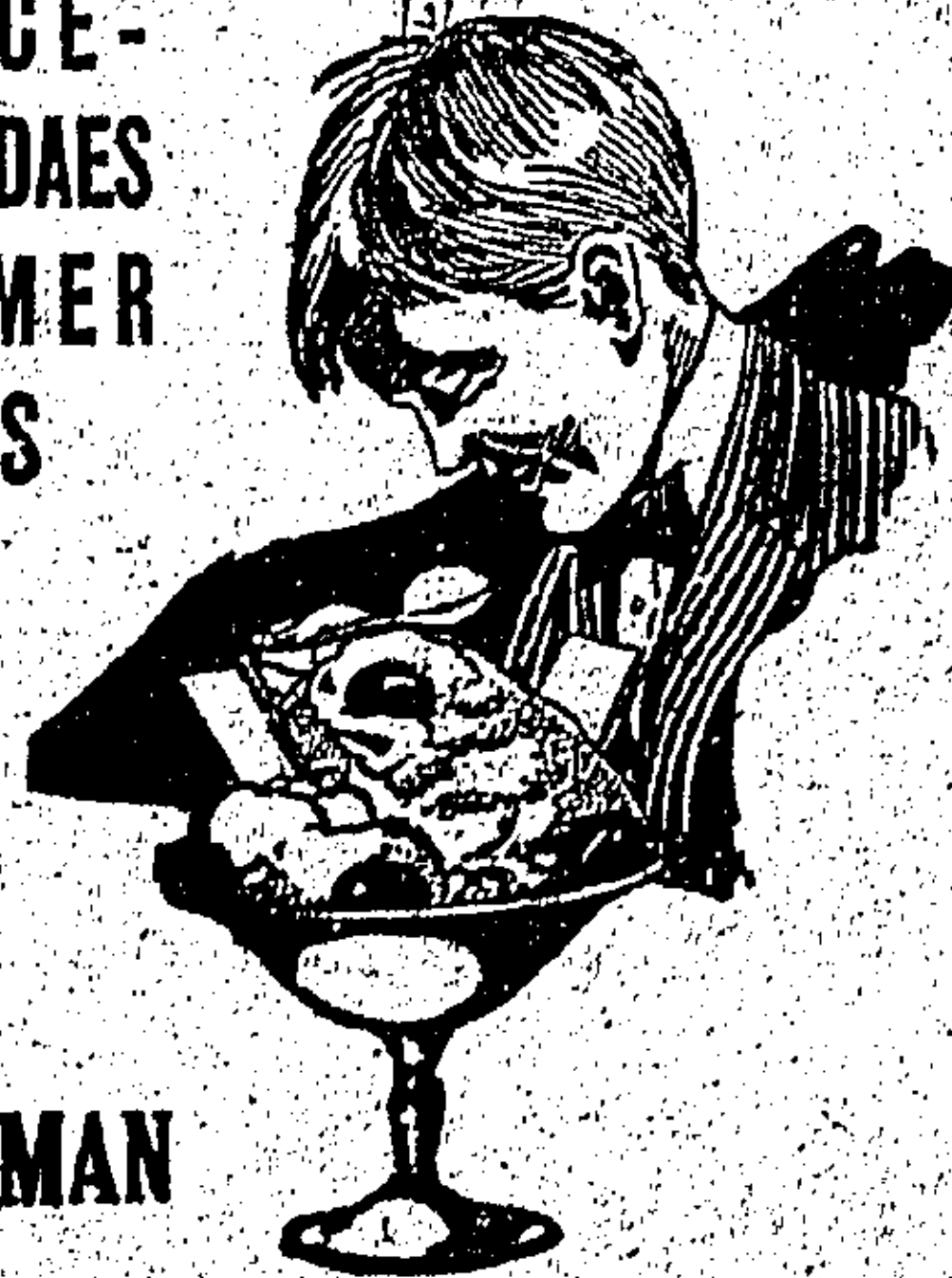
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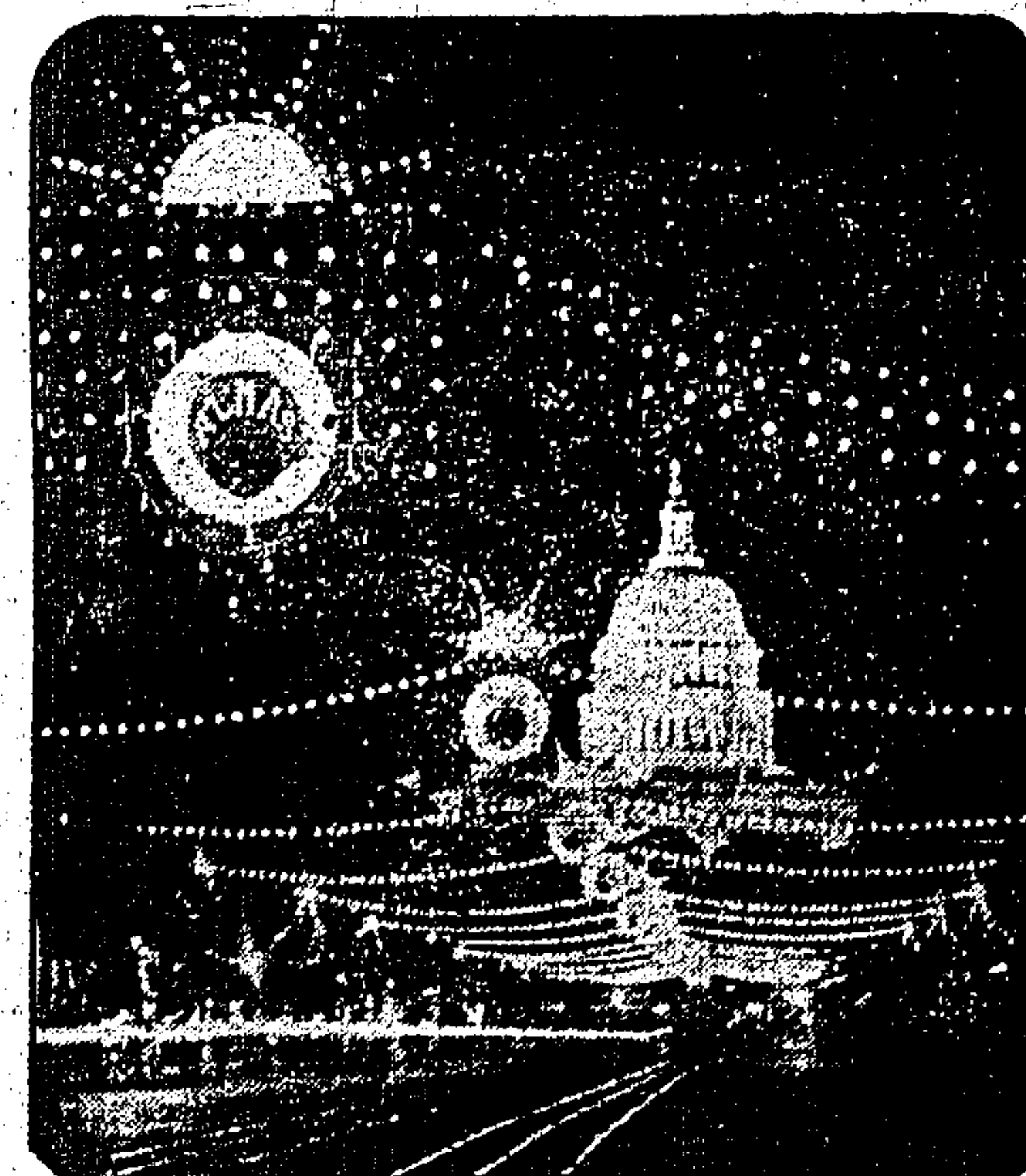
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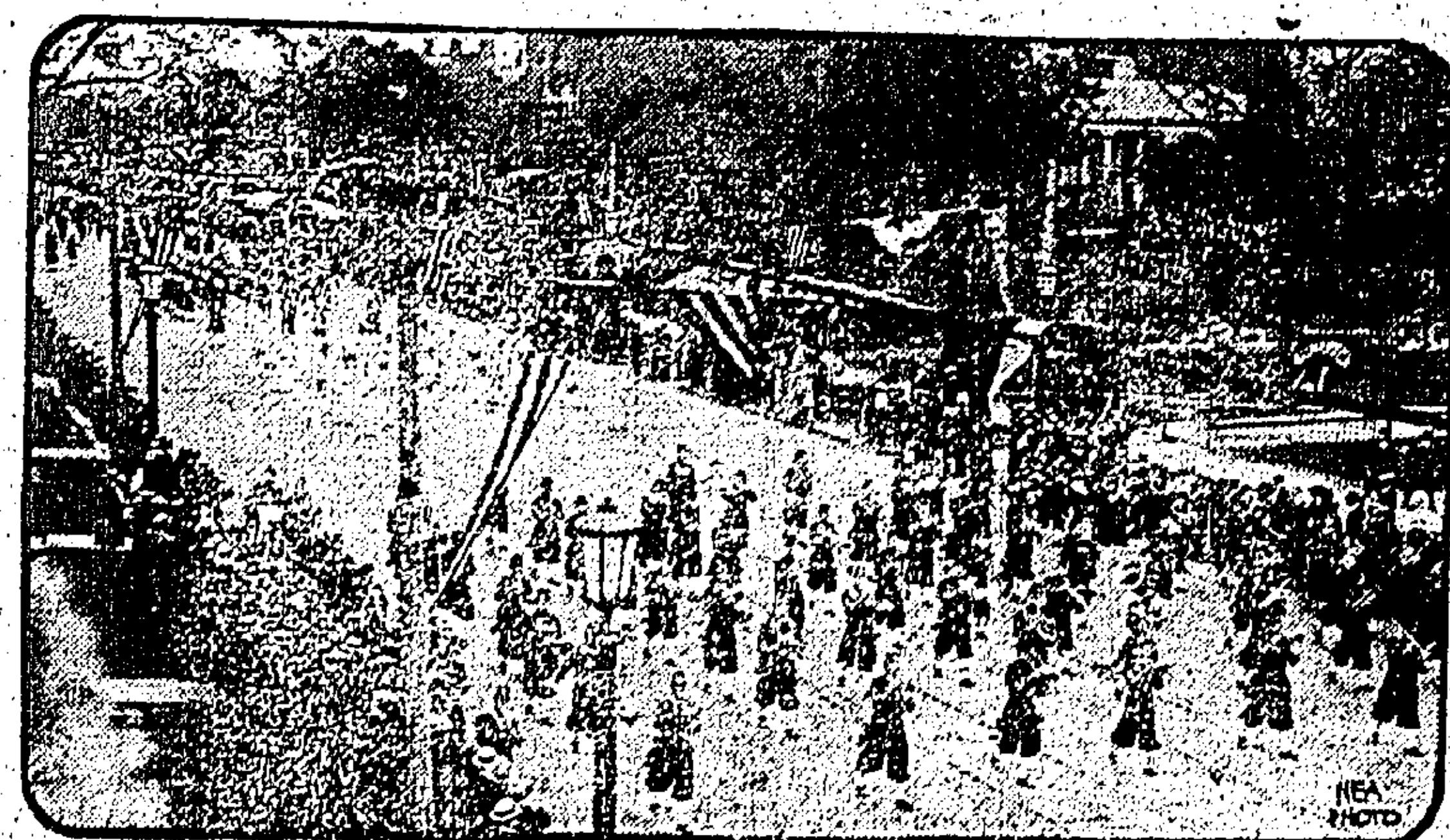
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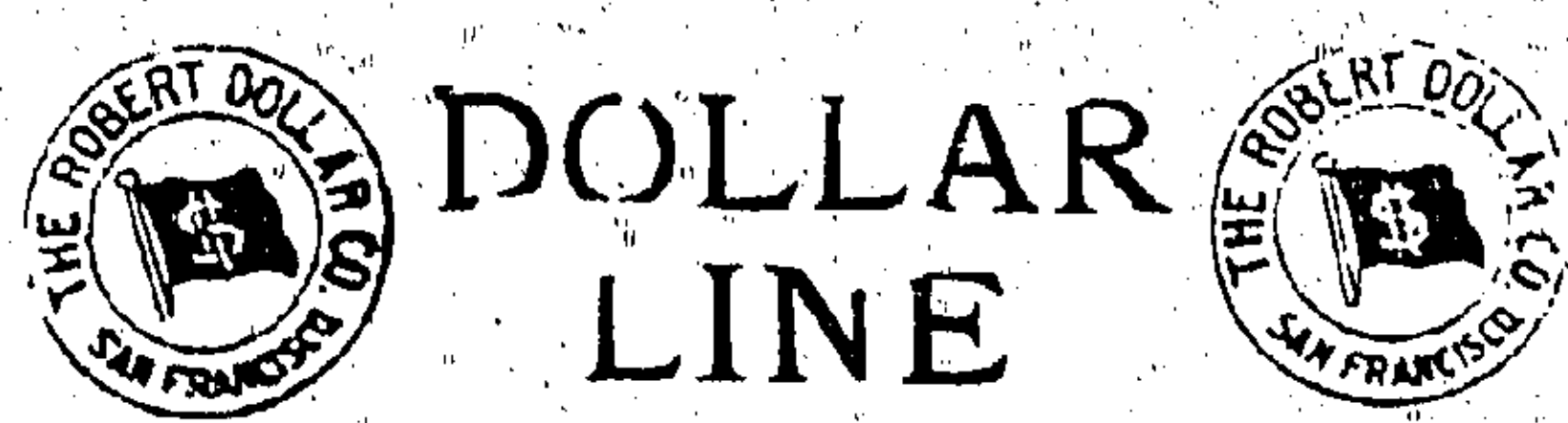
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SHANGHAI via Swatow Walsing	Tues.	24th July at noon
BANGKOK via Swatow Chaksang	Tues.	24th July at 2 p.m.
TIENSIN via Swatow Chingshing	Sun.	25th July at noon
SHANGHAI via Swatow Tungshing	Thurs.	26th July at noon
KOBE via Moji	Wed.	1st Aug. at noon
KOBE via Moji	Mon.	6th Aug. at 7 a.m.
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A ROMAN ROAD.

The Gift for Silence.

High midsummer on a Roman road that dives its undulating furrow through quiet fields; a good stick, a few sandwiches, and a vagrant talk might scare the ghosts of the legionaries—this is a height of happiness, writes a *Times* correspondent. There is such a road near Brocon. Here it runs deep between fields, sunk by the passage of time and the rains of the centuries; there it breathes a slope through a wood, leaving a rylvan pool on its right; presently it curves round the edge of the wood, circling the hillside; and so you come to a Carven milestone, with a Latin inscription, some yards away from the little station (now a farm) in which it ends. All this once came upon the writer, wandering idly, as a pure and glad discovery; and, while he walked eagerly along, with a sense of exploration upon him, there came unbidden to his lips a little song, which he repeated to himself with delight: "This is the way the Romans went, the Romans went, the Romans went."

Why are the lonely fragments of Roman roads so fascinating? There is a fragment in Shropshire running to Acton Burnell, which is a memorable delight after many years; there is a fragment near Cambridge—undulating along the grassy chalk-hills ("hey call such things 'hills' in Cambridge), and set about by the flowers that love the chalk—which filled last Sunday with pure pleasure. As for the road that hugs the Wall in lonely places in Northumberland, who can ever forget it? How pale in comparison are the old pre-Roman, pre-historic roads along the hillsides—the Portway along the Long Mynd in Shropshire, or the Ridge-way that runs along the Berkshire Downs! The difference suggests an answer to our question. We do not know what manner of men walked along these latter roads. Anthropologists profess to tell us; but no anthropologist ever really hobnobbed with his dolichocephalic ghosts.

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But we do know, and we can tell, who walked along the Roman roads when they were new and shining, with their clean rubble unimproved by "tarmac" and undisfigured by motor-cars. We know their language and have read their books; and the ghosts of their dead will come at call and walk beside us along their roads. They were a grave people, with a gift for silence, such as we have ourselves. They loved engineering; and when they "fortified a road" (viam munibant, says Tully, whom men to-day miscall by the name of Cicero), they made, as we like to make, something solid that will last. They built, too, a great Empire, and made a great system of law; and we have done something of the same kind. What ghosts could be more congenial to Englishmen than the ghosts of the Romans who once walked the ways which we still tread? Lord Curzon, would find gravity and culture and experience of affairs in Gnaeus Julius Agricola; Lord Hugh Cecil might consort with Pelagius (but Pelagius was a heretic); and imagination even suggests the conjecture (but the conjecture is bold) that Lady Astor might hold an animated conversation with Helena, the mother of Constantine, about the ways of men and the needs of children.

There is at any rate one conversation that would be easy. An English soldier of the Great War would have much to say to one of Trajan's legionaries. "Yes, I, too, have been along the lines (I suppose you mean the trenches); and I, too, have been in what you call Parthia." Let us leave them talking, and let us say to ourselves that, after all, it is not true that

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trouble

Are silent under Uricon.

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General Wang is Chief of Police at Nanking. He ought to be chief spinner of fairy tales of the Republic of China, says a contemporary. His wonderful stories of China's police told in New York and London would easily give him the championship. He will probably receive a very high decoration from the President of the Republic when he returns to this country for he has earned it.

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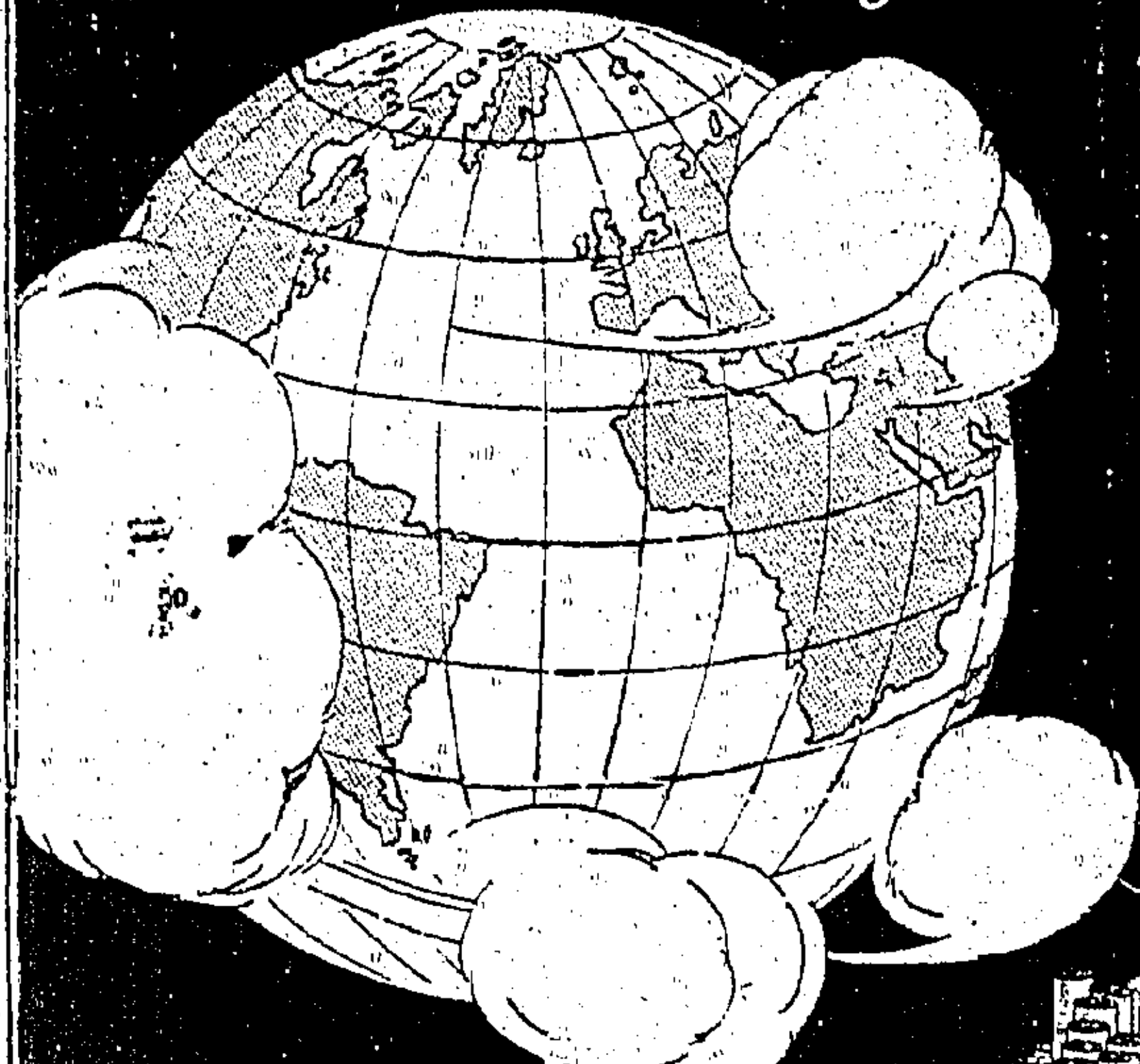
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As a consequence, the Mayor requested the chief of the Public Property Bureau to report on what properties are available for this purpose, and the latter has replied to the effect that the only properties not already pledged are the Civil Governor's yamen, the Public Library and the Tung Ko Military Students' Hall, the total value of which is \$400,000.

WEATHER REPORT.

July 18d. 19h. 00m.—Warning to Hongkong, Coast Ports, &c.—Depression or typhoon of unknown intensity within 120 miles of Lat. 16° N. Long. 136° E., moving W.N.W.

July 19d. 12h. 20m.—Warning to Hongkong, Coast Ports, &c.—Depression or typhoon of unknown intensity within 120 miles of Lat. 13° N. Long. 120° E., moving West.

July 19d. 12h. 36m.—Pressure has decreased moderately at Manila and slightly from Yap to Guam. It has increased slightly from S.W. Japan to Formosa and is nearly stationary elsewhere. The typhoon has crossed the Visayas in the form of a shallow depression apparently. It will probably deepen in the China Sea. Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.02 inch. Total since January 1st, 30.47 inches, against an average of 46.16 inches. FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

1 Formosa Channel
2 South coast of China between H.K. & Lamoocks. E. winds, moderate; generally fair, some showers.
3 Hongkong to Gap Rock
4 South coast of China between H.K. & Hainan. E. winds, moderate; generally fair, some showers.
I. F. CLAXTON, Director.
H.K. Observatory, July 19, 1923.

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(Opening Rate: closing Rate on Page 1.)

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T/T	2/3	4 m/s. Mars	50 1/2
Demand	2/2 1/2	4 m/s. France	50 1/2
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60 d/s.	2/3	Demand, Germany	51 1/2
4 m/s.	2/3	Demand, New York	51 1/2
T/T, Shanghai	1/5	T/T, Bombay	1/6 1/2
T/T, Singapore	1/5	Demand, Bombay	1/6 1/2
T/T, Japan	1/5	T/T, Calcutta	1/6 1/2
T/T, India	1/5	Demand, Calcutta	1/6 1/2
Demand India	1/5	On Yokohama	1/6 1/2
T/T, San Francisco and New York	51 1/2	Demand, Manila	1/6 1/2
4 m/s.	51 1/2	Demand, Singapore	90
T/T, Java	1/5	Demand, Batavia	1/32 1/2
T/T, Marks	1/5	On Hongkong	1/32 1/2
T/T, France	1/5	On Saigon	1/32 1/2
Demand, Paris	1/5	On Bangkok	1/32 1/2
BUYING		Sovereign	8 1/2
4 m/s. L/C	2/3 1/2	Gold leaf per Tael	48 1/2
4 m/s. D/T	2/3 1/2	Bar Silver ready	30 1/2
6 m/s. L/C	2/3 1/2	forward	30 1/2
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Hongkong July 19, 1923.		

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Japan	Persia M.	19th July.
Saigon	Chambers	19th
Shanghai	Saichow	19th
Manila	Hunay	19th
Saigon	Pers. Madison	19th
Europe via Suez (letters only) London	Commandant Dorice	20th
21st June	Ridderpore	20th
Europe via Suez (Letters only) London	Benlawers	20th
21st June & Letters via Brindisi		
19th June	Yangtze	21st
U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	Pers. Taft	22nd
U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	Pers. McKinley	22nd
Shanghai	Soochow	22nd

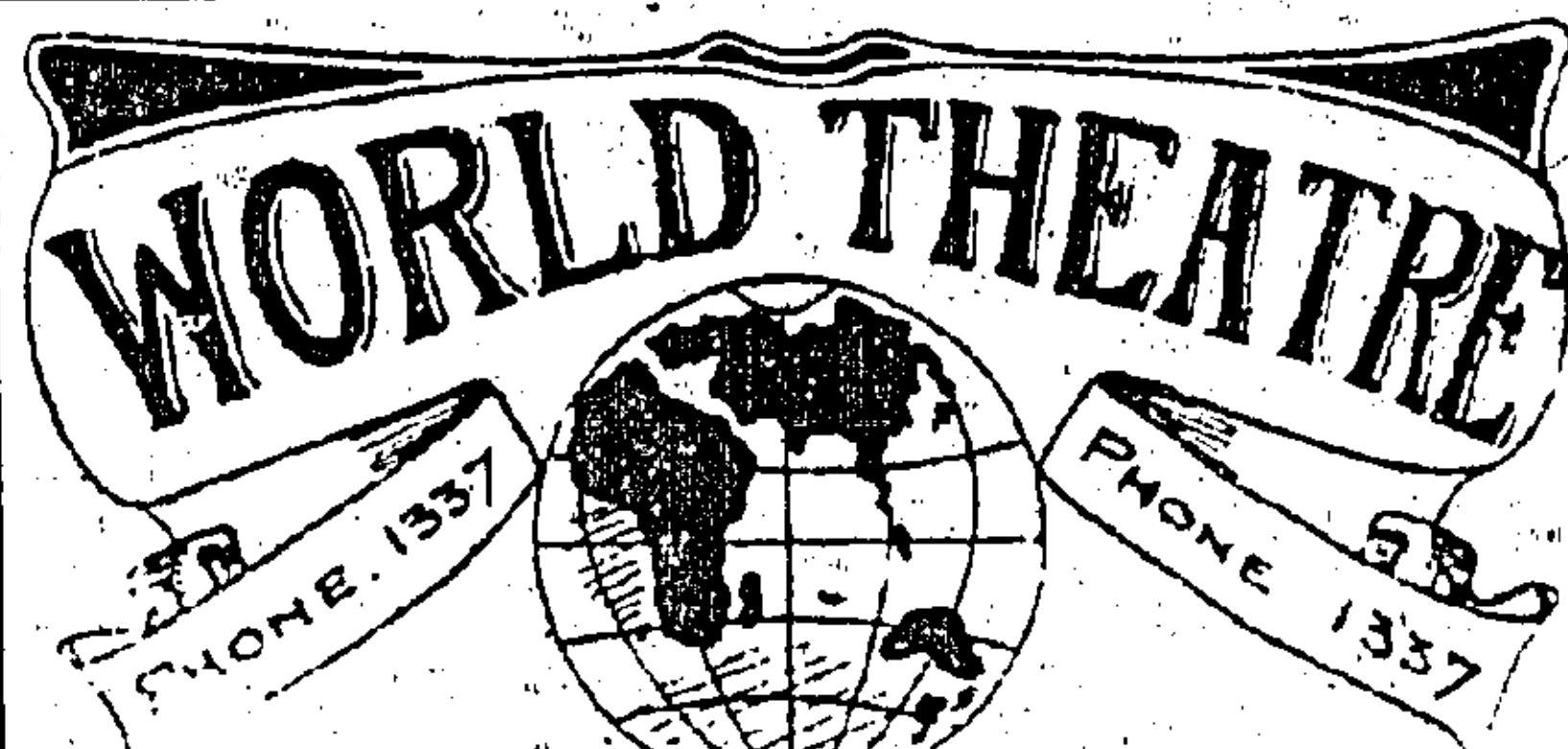
OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Saigon, Amoy & Foochow	Haitong	Fri. 20 inst., noon
Manila & Saichow	Mausang	Fri. 20 inst., 1 p.m.
Shanghai Japan Canada, U.S.A. & S. America & Europe via Victoria		
B.C.	Pers. Madison	Fri. 20 inst., 5 p.m.
Batavia, Samarang & Sourabaya		
Straits & Bombay	Persia M.	Sat. 21 inst., 11 a.m.
Straits	Ridderpore	Sat. 21 inst., 11 a.m.
Amoy	Van Oortratzen	Sat. 21 inst., noon
Shanghai	Kingchow	Sat. 21 inst., noon
Straits	Luchow	Sat. 21 inst., 3 p.m.
	Lake Peking	Sat. 21 inst., 4 p.m.

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			July 16	July 17
Wuchow West River	+ 79.50	-2.42	—	—
Kongmoon	+ 14.70	-0.80	5.6	5.1
Linkonghow North	+ 57.0	—	6.0	—
Shanghai	+ 27.25	-5.00	7.1	—
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Mr. Beeching, secretary of the Institute of Certificated Grocers, told a *Daily Chronicle* representative that those who pass this final examination may be regarded as graduates.

"We have not any women sitting this year for the final," he added. "But they have done very well in the preliminary local ex-

MOOR TRAGEDY.

Pear's Sister Killed.

Home paper's announce that a sister of Lord Hawart, the Lord Chief Justice, was killed while motoring at Cheltenham.

She was the wife of Mr. Daniel Evan Jones, inspector of schools, Cardiff.

While Mr. Jones was driving his car past Cheltenham racecourse a tyre burst, and the car, after grazing a passing dray, dashed through a wooden fence and hedge and overturned.

Mrs. Jones was badly injured on the face and head, and died almost immediately. Her husband escaped with a shaking and abrasions.

Lord Hawart was to have attended the dinner of the Coroners' Society, at the Holborn Restaurant, but a telegram was received stating that owing to his bereavement he was unable to be present.

Much sympathy will be felt with the Lord Chief Justice.

amations. Last year a woman passed the final brilliantly, and is now a mistress grocer."

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